To reduce input cost for steel making the special import duty on several inputs such as coking coal (ash content < 12%) non coking coal (ash content < 12%), metallurgical coke, ferrro nickel and nickel oxide sinters, low silica limestone and graphite electrodes (> 28,,) has recently been waived.

Anti dumping duty on Hot Rolled coils imported from Ukraine and Russia has recently been notified.

Rationalisation of Duty Entitlement Pass Book (DEPB) rates for steel exports have been carried out to boost exports.

Government has announced floor prices for import of certain finished steel items including seconds and defectives to restrict their imports at very low prices.

(d) Yes, Sir. Quantity and value of export of saleable steel during last 2 years was as under:—

Quantity in 'Million tonnes
Value in crores

	Quantity	*Value*
1996-97	1.92	2039
1997-98	2.20	2108

Funds for Urban Infrastructure Development

748. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's total estimated requirement for urban infrastructure development for the next ten years is Rs. 2.6 lakh crore which comes to Rs. 25,000 crore annually;

(b) if so, what amount has been identified by Government during the Ninth Plan period for urban development, water supply and sanitation indicating the funds which fall short of the actual requirement of the country; and

(c) in what manner Government propose to fill up the gap between the demand and supply of not only civic services but financial requirements during the Ninth Plan period? 0

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) As per the India Infrastructure Report-1996 an investment to the tune of Rs. 2.6 lakh crores over 1996—2005 for urban infrastructure development will be required.

(b) Besides States/UT allocations, the ninth Plan outlay recommended for the Ministry of Urban Affairs & Employment is Rs. 11,400.22 crore which includes provision for urban development, water supply and sanitation also.

(c) The strategies envisaged in the 9th Plan to reduce the gap between the demand and supply of basic amenities include: creation of new assets, upgradation and renewal of existing assets, attaining better operational and managerial efficiency, stimulating flow of resources, decentralisation of production and distribution systems, privatisation, greater community participation, strengthening of delivery and management system, etc.

As it is not possible for either State Governments or the Central Government to contribute this magnitude of funds, institutional sources, externally aided projects, private sources and community sources would have to be explored to meet the gap between demand and supply. However, the Plan funds would be used not only for direct intervention but also as a leverage instrument to activate and sustain the funds flow from outside the Government Sector. A substantial amount is expected to be

contributed through private participation and institutional finance outside the plan to bridge the gap between demand and supply of funds, innovative mechanism and practices will have to be encouraged and supported to stimulate the flow of funds such as municipal bond system, municipal financial reforms, fiscal and monetary incentives for creation of environment friendly climate, participation of cooperatives, community groups and NGOs etc.

Demolition of Poor Quality Houses in Mayur Vihar

749. SHRI SHIBU SOREN: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has started demolition of the 220 poor quality houses in Mayur Vihar Phase-II, built at a cost of Rs. 1.73 crores;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the action taken against the responsible officials and contractors and the amount recovered;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government contemplate to initiate high level inquiry over a scandal of this proportion; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) DDA has reported that it has started demolition of 220 poor quality houses in Mayur Vihar, Phase-II.

(b) Inspections during construction revealed substandard quality. To correct the quality deficiency DDA referred the matter to the National Council for Cement and Building Material, Ballabgarh. As per reports submitted by NCCBM, evert extensive repairs measures would not have given full service life to these dwelling units.

Hence, it was decided to undertake demolition of these flats.

(c) to (e) Major penalty proceedidngs were initiated against 3 concerned officers. Reduction to lowest of pay scales for 3 years has been imposed on one. Based on Court orders, fresh chargesheet has been issued agaisnt the second. Chargesheet for major penalty proceedings has also been issued against the third officer who was on deputaton to DDA.

The contractor has been debarred from tendering in DDA. Arbitration proceedings have also been initiated against him.

Targets set under GJUE Scheme

750. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the targets fixed for the year 1998-99 for urban areas under Golden Jubilees Urban Employment Scheme; and

(b) the number of persons targeted to be given employment in the year 1998-99 under the said scheme in Rajasthan, together with the amount allocated for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Under Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojana (SJSRY) no physical targets are fixed by the Central Government. The matter pertaining to the physical targets under the scheme has been left to be decided by the State Governments in conformity with the guidelines of the scheme and result of beneficiary survey. This has been done to ensure adequate flexibility.

(b) No physical target has been fixed by Central Government due to reasons indicated above. However, a sum of Rs.